P R O C L A M A T I O N

WHEREAS, the protection of the lives and limbs of Blind Pedestrians is a major concern of all the blind people of the nation; and

WHEREAS, Public Safety education, as to the meaning of the White Cane and the requirements of the White Cane Laws, is necessary to obtain the maximum safety of such pedestrians,

WHEREAS, there are approximately 1600 blind citizens in the State of South Dakota, many of whom utilize a White Cane or a guide dog when traveling in traffic. It was a decision of the Legislature in 1949 that pedestrians suffering from limited vision should be protected by a special law. South Dakota Code 44.0318l requires that all vehicles be brought to a full stop when a blind person carrying a White Cane or a cane painted in white tipped with red or using a guide dog is attempting to cross a street or highway. The penalty for violation of this act is a fine of $25.00.

THEREFORE, In order that the public be advised concerning the legal use of the White Cane and the guide dog, I, ARCHIE GUBBRUD, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim October 15, 1964, as

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in South Dakota and urge its citizens to bring about the widest possible dissemination of this public safety education.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota to be affixed on this 23 day of September in the year of our Lord, nineteen hundred and sixty-four.

Archie Gubbrud
ARCHIE GUBBRUD, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

Essie Wiedeman
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SECRETARY OF STATE

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